

Capital Letters: Rules for Capitalization

DIRECTIONS Read each set of sentences below. Three of the sentences in each set have errors in capitalization; one sentence is written correctly. Choose the sentence that is written correctly, with NO ERRORS in capitalization.

EXAMPLE

1. A Doesn't jerome b. knowles have a great storytelling style?
B half of my weekly allowance goes into my college fund.
C Baskets, baked clay pots, masks, and shields are among the crafts for sale in the marketplace.
D How exciting that aunt Edith is going on a safari!

Answer (A) (B) (C) (D)

1. A do you take medication for your allergies?
B In nigeria, we met Rhonda's uncle George.
C Thick clouds cover the surface of venus.
D Shouldn't I brush and floss my teeth at least twice a day?
2. A There are three major rivers in the country of senegal.
B Many koreans eat *kimchi*, a popular side dish made of pickled vegetables and spices.
C When should I light the candles on the dinner table?
D Do you have a schwinn® bicycle?
3. A Kenai Fjords National Park in Alaska is a breeding place for many birds.
B The president is aboard *air force one* flying to Japan.
C Ponga attends the university of zambia in the city of Lusaka.
D My family fasts on the Jewish holiday yom kippur.
4. A We decided to name our class's literary magazine *a different view*.
B The Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest U.S. military award.
C Does the community college offer a chinese cooking class?
D Please take the orange juice and box of kleenex® tissue to Aunt Dorothy.
5. A One of the most beautiful buildings in the world is the taj mahal in India.
B I hope someday to see the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater perform.
C In the school newspaper Kiki reviewed Sonia Levitin's book *the return*.
D The elegant costume was made of thai silk.
6. A Our school celebrates Arbor Day by planting trees throughout the city.
B According to legend, Hiawatha was a powerful chieftain of the iroquois.
C I can't remember who won the spingarn medal last year.
D Isn't this booklet published by the american heart association?

7. A Iris won the geography contest by naming kathmandu as the capital of nepal.
B The national museum of african art displays art made of many materials such as wood, metal, and ceramic.
C One of the most widely practiced religions in Vietnam is buddhism.
D The secretary of commerce called an emergency meeting.
8. A Did king Fahd rule Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War?
B In England, people celebrate shrove tuesday by eating pancakes.
C Since Grandpa Williams retired from teaching, he has spent much of his free time volunteering at the elementary school.
D I finished my Algebra homework before supper.
9. A When did the first woman compete against men in an international surfing contest?
B Aunt Eliza said, “the family reunion will be held next weekend.”
C Did this film win a prize at the cannes film festival?
D Our art appreciation II class is going on a field trip to a local art museum.
10. A I invited my Cousin Juan to the party.
B Have you read general Colin Powell’s autobiography *My American Journey*?
C Several members of the space shuttle *Columbia* researched the effects of weightlessness on blood pressure.
D For centuries, travelers have been guided by the star polaris, which always shines in the northern sky.